

BELL PETITION NOT ACTED UPON

Matter Debated in Street Committee
at Great Length.

VIEWS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY.

He Advises the Adoption of a Resolution, but
the Committee Defers Action Until He
Can be Present—Much Im-
provement Work.

The Street Committee spent the greater portion of its session last night considering a communication from the City Attorney concerning the petition of the Bell Telephone Company for a franchise to operate in Richmond. The communication was laid on the table until the City Attorney can be heard from in person.

The letter of Mr. Pollard, read as follows:

"I beg to call your attention to the petition of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, asking franchise rights in this city, recently referred to you by the common Council, and strenuously advise that, in my opinion, no action should be taken, either by you or by the Council, looking to the granting of the prayer of this petition as long as said company is pressing the litigation by which it seeks to establish its right to occupy the streets of the city with its poles and wires, not only against the wishes of the City Council, but in violation of ordinances of the city. In my judgment, it is important that some brief statement be put upon the record as to the position of the city regarding this petition of the Bell Company. I have, therefore, taken the liberty of preparing the draft of a resolution to this end, which I enclose herein, and suggest that you recommend it to the Council for adoption, and return thereunto to the Council the petition of the said company."

THE RESOLUTION.

The resolution suggested by Mr. Pollard is as follows:

"Be it resolved by the Council of the city of Richmond, the Board of Aldermen concurring, That the consideration of the petition of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company presented to the common Council at its regular February meeting, 1900, be and the same is hereby postponed until the litigation instituted in the year 1885 against the city of Richmond and still prosecuted by the petitioning company, now pending in the Supreme Court, has been ended, either by a dismissal of such proceedings, or by a final determination of the court."

MR. CHIPLEY IS HEARD.

After one or two other motions had been debated and lost, the committee, by the close vote of six to five, granted the courtesy of the floor to Mr. Chipley, the representative of the Bell Company. Mr. Chipley stated that for some time past the company had endeavored to take a conciliatory position towards the city. He thought the dismissal of the suit would be absurd at this time. Among the elements which entered into the question were the cost of the litigation and back taxes. Both of these things the company proposes to pay and save the city harmless. He thought a refusal to consider the matter would simply mean that Richmond would have a poor telephone system for several years longer.

Col. Cutshaw speaking in favor of the resolution, stated that the City Attorney had stated that the petition of the Bell Company was only another feature of the litigation and that the object would be to represent to the court that the matter was in process of settlement before the City Council, the effect of which would be to stave off action on the part of the court.

At the conclusion of the city engineer's remarks Chairman Allen called upon Mr. C. V. Meredith, who was associate counsel with the City Attorney in the Bell Company suit, and who happened to be present, to state his views in the matter. Mr. Meredith said he was not prepared to speak on the question, not knowing what was in the city engineer's mind.

Mr. Pollock inquired of Mr. Meredith whether the consideration by the committee would affect the case in the court, and Mr. Meredith replied that he thought it would not.

Mr. Chipley asked Mr. Meredith if the record in the case of the S. B. T. & T. Co. vs. City of Richmond, now before the U. S. Supreme Court, could in any way be amended so as to show that any action on the part of the Richmond Council was pending. Mr. Meredith replied that it could not.

LAI D ON THE TABLE.

Mr. Mills moved to table the communication of the City Attorney as desired to hear from Mr. Pollard in person. Mr. Allen moved that it be rejected.

Mr. Allen favored the City Attorney resolution, and argued that the Bell Company having occupied a position of defiance to the city for years without any hearing from as long as the suit was pending.

In this connection Mr. Chipley remarked that under no circumstances could the company dismiss the suit before ne-

GOOD CUSTOMER.

Three-Year-Old Boy.

The right kind of food will work wonders in the way of changing a sick person to a healthy one, and by the same rule keep a person in good health.

Arthur W. Carrington, 4 Throop St., Chicago, Ill., had such a remarkable experience himself with Grape-Nuts Food that he recommended it to a friend for his child for whom the parents were unable to find food that agreed.

It was supposed the child's stomach had been ruined by the use of medicines. When he was put on Grape-Nuts he began to improve and Mr. Carrington says, "I will wager that, although he is but three years old now, he is the best single handed customer the Postum Cereal Co. have to-day. He has become big and strong, and is in perfect condition. I have received thanks many times from his mother for bringing Grape-Nuts Food to their attention. The whole family are using the food now."

"My own experience was remarkable. I had for years a stomach trouble; I eat so I could not eat anything for breakfast except an orange; all solid food and meat being out of the question."

"When I was induced to take on Grape-Nuts I did so with fear and trembling, but found out, to my pleasure and surprise, and great benefit to my health, that I had food I could hold on to my stomach, and could do a good afternoon's work."

"I have not had a headache since using Grape-Nuts Food, and in one year I have gained 15 pounds. I am so much of an advocate of the food that people suspect me of being interested in the Co. I have won over a number of friends who are now using it, and speak in the highest terms of it."

Grape-Nuts Food wins its own way without any trouble. It can be borne by the weakest stomach, and contains the strongest food elements known.

All first-class grocers sell Grape-Nuts Food, made at the Pure Food factories of the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., Battle Creek, Mich.

REV. DR. TALMAGE, The Most Eminent Preacher in the World Advises Dr. Greene's Nervura.

Recommends Everybody to Use Dr. Greene's Nervura Blood and Nerve Remedy.—Everybody Needs This Great Remedy as a Spring Medicine.



REV. DR. TALMAGE.

Dr. Talmage, as must be readily understood by any one who is acquainted with his fame and works, is obliged to work very hard, and he makes known to the entire world the fact that after overwork or exhaustion he has always found Dr. Greene's Nervura Blood and Nerve Remedy the one thing which reinvigorates and builds up the entire body.

When such a man, a recognized leader and teacher of the people, testifies by his written testimonial that Dr. Greene's Nervura Blood and Nerve Remedy has helped him, and that he recommends its use for invigoration after overwork to restore the strength, energy, nerve force, and vitality of the system, when for any reason they are lost, weakened or impaired, those who are sick or suffering, who are weak, nervous, without strength, energy and ambition, who are discouraged and disheartened by repeated failures to be cured, in fact, all who have need of a strength-giving and health-restoring medicine, can take renewed hope from the words of this great preacher that Dr. Greene's Nervura is the one remedy among all others to give them back the health and strength they have lost. Above all remedies known for a spring medicine, Dr. Greene's Nervura Blood and Nerve Remedy is the one sure cure, and its purifying, strengthening and vitalizing effects make it the remedy all seek who are suffering from spring debility, poor blood, weak nerves, constipation, liver and kidney complaints. It is the best spring tonic and restorative known to the world.

Rev. Dr. Talmage's address is 1400 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, D.C., and he tells the entire world that he has used Dr. Greene's Nervura blood and nerve remedy with wonderful results, and that he recommends it to all as an invigorator after overwork. With such a strong endorsement how can you hesitate to use it?

Remember, that Dr. Greene's Nervura Blood and Nerve Remedy is not a patent medicine, but a regular physician's prescription, the discovery of Dr. Greene, 35 W. 14th St., New York City, undoubtedly the most successful physician in curing nervous, chronic and lingering diseases, and that he can be consulted, free of charge, in any case, either personally or by letter.

negotiations with the city were entered into and completed.

Mr. Allen thought the City Attorney's opinion and counsel should be heeded. Mr. Pollard, speaking for the company's being heard, advancing among other considerations the fact that a sum of some \$40,000, at this time much needed by the city, was involved in the matter.

Mr. Burton moved that the City Attorney's resolution be adopted. This was lost by a vote of 4 to 7.

Mr. Mills' motion to lay the letter of the City Attorney on the table was carried by a vote of 7 to 4.

STREET RAILWAY MATTER.

Action to the Eighteenth-Street railway tangle was deferred until the City Engineer can be present at a meeting of the committee.

The report of the City Engineer on poles on Main Street between First and Eighteenth showed that some fifty per cent. should be replaced at this time. This matter was continued with the City Engineer.

DIVISION OF FUNDS.

It was decided to use \$10,000 of the money appropriated for streets for improvements in Lee District. \$3,000 for repairs, \$800 for a wall on Nineteenth Street and the remainder of the \$5,000 will be divided among the wards as heretofore.

A matter of considerable importance was decided to pave Eighth Street with granite spalls; also Eighteenth Street between Grace and Franklin, a portion of Twenty-seventh Street and First Street from Marshall to Leigh.

Construction of the \$50,000 sewer in Lee District was recommended.

BACK FROM THE INAUGURAL.

Richmond Troops Much Pleased With Their Trip to Washington.

The special over the Chesapeake and Ohio which brought the members of the Seventeenth Virginia Regiment from Washington, reached this city about 3 o'clock this morning. The special was delayed considerably over an hour in getting out of the National Capital, thus causing the late hour of arrival in this city.

The men, though tired from their long trip and delay, were in good spirits and jubilant over the favorable reception and many courtesies which they had been the recipients of Monday.

Men were marched to the army and dismissed.

In Washington the Richmond companies, as was to be expected, maintained their splendid reputation.

Companies A, B, E and H of the First Battalion wore the gray uniforms, and Company C the blue, as the latter did not have enough uniforms to furnish all of its men.

A matter of considerable amusement to the boys were the frequent remarks made by people along the line of march, who mistook the Seventeenth Virginia for the Seventy-first New York, and, as a result, the Virginians in several instances were hissed. Among those who did recognize them and applaud and highly complimentary remarks were given with a gratifying generosity.

Owing to the crowded condition of the quarters, Company L, Fredericksburg, Captain Rowe commanding, was assigned accommodation in the Patent Office, by courtesy of Captain Litter, Company B, Third Regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, who was officer of the day.

A very great compliment which was intended for the Virginia boys fell by

Lizzie Hillard, corresponding secretary, Streets, Va.

The handsome chair offered by Messrs. Synnott & Hundley to the one who sold the largest number of tickets for the entertainment held for the benefit of the Home for Needy Confederate Women, was won by Mrs. Pyrie, of No. 213 East Grace Street, who sold 122 tickets.

Mrs. Pyrie traded the chair to the store for a bedstead, bought a set of springs for the bed, and magnanimously presented it to the home. Mrs. L. O. Miller stood next in number of tickets sold, having disposed of 118.

CIGARS FOR HIS OLD CLERK.

Judge Paul Remembered Colonel Smith—Railroad Notes.

Judge John Paul, of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, has sent Col. J. P. Smith, a passenger agent of the Seaboard Air Line, a box of the finest cigars that can be made in the factories at York City, a suburb of Tampa. Years ago, more than Col. Smith will admit, perhaps he later was a deputy clerk of the United States Court at Danville. Judge Paul frequently held court there. Of course Col. Smith knew him well. Then Col. Smith went to Florida, and he knocked about over the country a good deal and then went to Raleigh, where he lived for several years as city agent of the Seaboard Air Line. He served with the North Carolina troops in Cuba during the Spanish war. The other morning Judge Paul walked into the Seaboard ticket office in this city. Col. Smith knew him at once; he didn't know the Colonel. But it doesn't take anybody long to know the genial North Carolinian, and Judge Paul was delighted to renew acquaintance with his former clerk. The Judge and his wife and daughter were on their way to Florida over the Seaboard Air Line, and Colonel Smith took pleasure in seeing that their trip was made as comfortably as might be. The cigars were sent as a mark of appreciation of recent kindness as well as for the sake of old times.

The work on the Chesapeake and Ohio viaduct is progressing rapidly, but it will be about a fortnight before the work on the remaining river spans are put in place.

Mr. W. H. W. Mason, of the Car Service Department of the Chesapeake and Ohio, left yesterday for Hot Springs, where he hopes to be benefited in health.

Mr. A. Tyler Brock, of the Chesapeake and Ohio, is on the sick list.

Mr. C. W. Lane, of Lane Brothers & Co., railroad contractor, is in the city. Mr. Lane was a visitor at the general office of the Chesapeake and Ohio yesterday. Lane Brothers & Co. are doing considerable work along the Chesapeake and Ohio and Norfolk and Western.

BIG PLANT PROPOSED.

The Strickland Machine Company to Build Here.

A large plant will be located at Twenty-fourth and Main Streets by the Strickland Machine Company, which was chartered Monday last. The property will be used as a machine and moulding shop.

The property was recently purchased from Edgar Gunn and was formerly occupied by Henry A. Hare as a box factory and Thomas Odell, blacksmith and carriage factory. The officers of the company are Ed. Whitlock, president; F. J. Walker, vice-president; Lee A. Whitlock, secretary and treasurer. The above, with Andrew C. Strickland and P. Whitlock, constitute the Board of Directors.

Mr. Strickland left last night for the company, is an expert machinist, and for a number of years has been manager of the A. B. Cosby Machine Plant.

Mr. Strickland will leave to-night for New York to purchase the latest improved machinery to equip the plant.

Ran Aground.

The Standard Oil Company's barge No. 78 grounded on a sand bank, just off the company's wharf yesterday morning. She was floated at high tide.

The only damage she sustained was a slight scraping of her bottom and several hours loss of time.

The barge was in charge of Captain Leland, and was in tow of the tug John J. Brady. The barge was loaded and bound from Baltimore.

Monument to Bishop Newton.

Through the efforts of the Woman's Guild of Monmouth a granite monument has been placed over the grave of Bishop Newton, in Hollywood Cemetery.

The plan for the monument was drawn by Mr. John Henry Brown, of this city. It is plain, simple and unostentatious, made of Virginia granite and bearing a dignified inscription.

Dr. Dabney for Johns Hopkins Presidency.

The fact that the name of Dr. Charles Dabney, a Virginian, is being considered in connection with the presidency of Johns Hopkins University, is an honor appreciated by Virginians generally. Dr. Dabney is now the president of the University of Tennessee. He was Assistant Secretary of Agriculture during Mr. Cleveland's first term.

Meeting of the Board of Fisheries.

The State Board of Fisheries will meet in this city probably at Murphy's Hotel on March 20th. Besides disposing of regular monthly business the board is expected to finally determine whether it is best to buy a new oyster boat to take the place of the Chesapeake, or to repair the old one.

Petersburg T. P. A. Banquet.

A number of the members of Post A. T. P. A., of Richmond, went over to Petersburg at 6:30 o'clock last night to attend a banquet to be given by Post C. of that city.

In the party were Messrs. C. W. Saunders, J. H. Warden, J. T. Moulton, H. Ellis, Jr., and Colonel John S. Harwood, who responded to the toast "The Commercial Traveler and Legislation."

Remember a fifty cent bottle of Scott's Emulsion given in proper quantities will last a baby fifty days; a child six or seven, thirty days; and a child of ten or twelve, twenty days.

It's a very economical medicine.

If the child is sickly, without appetite, it will nourish and bridge it over until it can take its usual food.

For delicate children without any real disease, it can be used with splendid results.

We'll send you a little to try, if you like.

SCOTT & BOWNE, 209 Pearl Street, New York.

\$18 1/2 Hall Racks \$13 1/2.

Of seasoned, dependable golden oak, with a roomy box and brass umbrella attachment; that handsome, massive kind that gives the home's avenue that much-wanted air of richness and elegance. They're 7 feet high, 3 feet wide, have a large beveled, French plate mirror and are richly carved.



Winners of Photo Brooches.
If your duplicate ticket of March 4th bears these red numbers, present it at the engraving counter:
On blank side, 15; on printed side, 34.
On blank side, 11; on printed side, 4.
On blank side, 44; on printed side, 131.
On blank side, 46; on printed side, 2.
On blank side, 15; on printed side, 77.

We Never Sold So Many SHOES

Landon P. Jones' Shoe Stock

Will soon be distributed if Monday's record-breaking sales are repeated. The prices for shoes in this great sale continue to cause no end of talk—and continue to afford the biggest, the very biggest shoe bargains of the winter. But of course all "good things" come to an end. 'Twill be better to come than to wish you had.

Jones' Men's Shoes—His \$5, \$4, \$3 and \$2 1/2 qualities we're selling at \$1 1/2.
Jones' Ladies', Misses' and Children's Shoes, his entire stock, including values ranging in price from \$1 to \$5, we're selling at 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1 1/2.

Good broad widths and sizes. None of Jones' shoes will be put in our regular stock. Those we've marked at \$1 come in all the wanted widths and sizes, in button and lace and include Jones' \$2.50 hand-sewed shoes.

Women's Man-Tailored Suits.

The Meyer Store is an open fashion book just now. To-day's particular news is of the medium-priced sorts for immediate wear. Some underpriced Separate Skirts, too.

At \$25 Suits of Broadcloth, all good shades, Eton jackets, trimmed with stitched taffeta; flounce skirt trimmed to correspond.

At \$20 Suits of Broadcloth, in black and colors, collarless Eton jackets, with taffeta stitched scalloped fronts; skirts have stitched circular flare.

At \$18 1/2 Suits of Fine Covert, in staple colors, Eton jackets, the taffeta trimmed open-front variety, with a touch of gold and lined with heavy taffeta; skirts' with inverted plait back.

At \$15 Suits of Covert Cloth, in gray, blue, red and cassin. Reversible Eton satin-lined jackets, trimmed with stitched satin bands; skirts with Vandyke points trimmed to correspond.

At \$10 Suits of Cheviot, in black and blue, Eton double-breasted jackets, lined and trimmed with taffeta; skirts have full flare.

At \$6.40 Suits of Homespun, in gray, blue and Oxford. Reversible Eton jackets, trimmed with satin bands and gilt buttons; skirts have full flare and are well lined.

At \$15 Dress Skirts of Broadcloth, handsomely appliqued drop skirt, with well accented pleated flounce.

At \$8 1/2 Separate Skirts of Cheviot, with full seven-gore taffeta, trimmed and corded flare, having that fetching circular effect.

At \$3 1/2 Separate Skirts of Covert Cloth, with satin band stitched trimming and full flare; the colors blue and tan.

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VIRGINIA CLUB HAS A FINE RALLY

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canvass.

He is very popular in this section of the State, and his friends claim that he will have many delegates in the convention from the Third District.

The Tidewater section of Virginia is likely to send up a strong delegation to the Constitutional Convention. A prominent gentleman from down that way who was in the city yesterday, said Senator D. Gardner Tyler would most likely be sent from his Legislative District while Judge D. Tucker Brooke of Norfolk, Senator Thos. E. Blakey, of Essex, Hon. J. W. G. Blackstone of Accomac, Hon. Claggett B. Jones of King and Queen, Judge Roger Gregory, of King William, and ex-Congressman John W. Lawson of Isle of Wight, are some others whose friends are urging their claims for seats in the body.

WITH THE SICK.

Mrs. Carrington Somewhat Better—Mr. Redford Very Ill.

St. C. V. Carrington was reported at St. Luke's Hospital last night as being somewhat better.

Mrs. Joseph A. White continues to improve.

The condition of Mr. John S. Bethel was not so favorable yesterday.

Mrs. Judith Walker remains quite ill, there being no change in her condition.

Mr. J. J. Leake, the student of the University College of Medicine who has been critically ill at the Virginia Hospital, is recovering.

The condition of Mr. C. E. Redford, who is ill at his home, remains unchanged.

Colonel J. V. Ridgood is confined to his room with the grip.

Miss Nora E. Meyer is critically ill at the residence of her parents, No. 8 West Clay Street.

Mrs. George E. Kornegay, of Kingston, N. C., who has been here under the treatment of Dr. Davidson, returned home yesterday morning.

Father Thomas E. Waters, of St. Peter's Cathedral, is confined to his room with the grip.

POWHATAN COUNTY COURT.

The People for Montague for Governor and Ellyson for Chairman.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

POWHATAN C. H., March 5.—County Court, Judge Thomas M. Miller presiding, met yesterday. The most of the day was occupied in the application of the Powhatan Clay Manufacturing Company for a reduction of the assessment recently made by Mr. W. U. Kennon, the late assessor of lands in this county, and also, of the assessment made by W. S. Goode, Commissioner of the Revenue, on machinery.

The case on machinery was continued until the April term and the assessment of land was heard and the Judge takes the matter under consideration.

The Clayville Company was represented by Mr. Joseph P. Sadler, of this place, and Judge Watkins represented the Commonwealth.

"Politics were on the boom yesterday. Candidates for Governor and for the Constitutional Convention were the topics of the day."

It was plainly seen that the people by a large majority are in favor of A. J. Montague for Governor and J. T. Ellyson for State chairman.

As yet no one has announced himself from this county as candidate for the Constitutional Convention.

The Democratic County Committee will meet here on the 15th of this month to arrange and plan for the coming contest.

If Powhatan fails to have a candidate for the Constitutional Convention our people will support Judge J. H. Ingram, of Manchester, and Judge B. A. Hancock, of Chesterfield.

Farmers' Institute for Bedford.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BEDFORD CITY, Va., March 5.—Commissioner of Agriculture G. W. Kolner announces that a farmers' institute will be held at this place on March 23d and that he will be present with several other noted agriculturists. Arrangements are being made to entertain the delegates, and it is thought great good will result from the scientific discussion of matters of the farm and orchard.

LIFE INSURANCE CO. OF VIRGINIA

ORGANIZED 1871.

ANNUAL STATEMENT for the Year Ending December 31, 1900.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Real estate, book value.....	\$5,897.45	Reserve account and 4 per cent, including special reserve.....	\$789,732.00
Mortgage loans on real estate.....	\$12,885.93	Death losses reported but not due.....	6,333.00
Loans on company's policies.....	\$4,380.50	All other liabilities.....	2,211.72
Bonds and stocks, book value.....	\$2,261.16		
Cash in banks and office.....	91,044.17		
Receivables.....	10,274.47		
Interest and rents due and accrued.....	17,494.31		
Market value of real estate, bonds and stocks over book value.....	18,459.87		
Net uncollected and deferred premiums.....	87,908.00		
GROSS ASSETS.....	\$1,014,369.14		
Deduct amount of special reserve and ledger liabilities.....	1,339.02		
TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS.....	\$1,013,030.12	Surplus to policy-holders.....	\$234,731.40
		TOTAL.....	\$1,013,030.12

FOURTEEN YEARS' GROWTH.

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PREMIUM INCOME.

1887	\$99,866.00
1888	\$127,049.00
1889	\$151,571.00
1890	\$234,547.00
1891	\$395,447.67
1892	\$475,520.24
1893	\$546,151.15
1894	\$551,794.51
1895	\$591,380.56
1896	\$712,931.92
\$1897	\$752,214.87
1898	\$852,409.03
1899	\$937,900.79
1900	\$1,087,272.02